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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENTS ON ME

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET LEADERS CONTINUE TO IGNORE
ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN CEASE-FIRE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT
WHILE PRESS TAKES LINE THAT ACCORD OBLIGATES PARTIES
TO RETURN TO OCTOBER 22 LINES. PRAVDA COMMENTARY
(DEMCHENKO) TAKES UPBEAT LINE ON ME PEACE PROSPECTS
BUT SAYS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 LINES WILL
BE TEST OF WHETHER ISRAEL IS TO END CONFRONTATION WITH
ARABS. NEW TIMES ARTICLE ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT
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ALSO FOCUSES ON NEED FOR FORCE PULL-BACK. END SUMMARY.

2. ME PORTION OF TITO-BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE IGNORES ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, CALLS FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES. 242, AND CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR FLAUNTING SC RESOLUTIONS ON CEASE-FIRE AND RETURN TO LINES OF OCTOBER 22. TEXT EXPRESSES SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV READINESS TO WORK FOR ME PEACE AND ASSURANCE OF GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ALL STATES IN THE AREA AND WARNS ISRAEL OF DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF HER "ADVENTURIST POLICY."

3. KOSYGIN, IN SPEECH AT LUNCH FOR VISITING GUINEAN DELEGATION NOVEMBER 15, SAID THERE WOULD BE NO DEPENDABLE ME PEACE UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. HE ASSERTED PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN TO IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES. 338 AND SAID SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE ASSISTANCE TO THIS END.

4. LENGTHY ARTICLE NOVEMBER 16 BY PRAVDA COMMENTATOR DEMCHENKO SUMMARIZING ME DEVELOPMENTS OVER PAST TWO MONTHS SAYS THAT DESPITE COMPLEX SITUATION, CONDITIONS FOR PEACE ARE MORE FAVORABLE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE. HOWEVER, TEST OF ISRAEL'S READINESS TO MOVE FROM CONFRONTATION WITH ARAB STATES WILL BE HER WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW TO OCTOBER 22 LINES ON WHICH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT REASONABLY INSISTS AND FOR WHICH "PROTOCOL" SIGNED NOVEMBER 11 PROVIDES.

5. NEW TIMES (NO. 46) ARTICLE ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT SAYS SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACCORD LIES IN OBLIGATION OF PARTIES TO RETURN TO LINES OF OCTOBER 22, THUS MAKING IT A SERIOUS STEP TOWARD FULFILLING PROVISIONS OF SC RES. 338.

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